(ग) ऊंची इमारतें बनाने के संबंध में सरकार की वर्तमान नीति क्या है और सरकार इन 17 सहकारी समितियों को कब तक इस सम्बन्ध में आवश्यक निदेश जारी कर देने का विचार कर रही है, जिस से वे अपने लम्बित नक्शे मंजूर करवाने के बाद निर्माण कार्य आरम्भ कर सकें?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई): (क) से (ग) सहकारी सामूहिक आवास समितियों की फैडरेशन ने शहरी विकास मंत्रालय द्वारा 8-2-88 को जारी किये गये मार्गनिर्देशनों को ध्यान में रखते हुए ऐसी समितियों की समस्याओं पर प्रकाश डाला है। इन मार्गनिर्देशनों के अनुसार, सामूहिक आवास (रिहायशी क्षेत्र) के लिए, अधिकतम अनुमेय फर्शी क्षेत्र अनुपात 250 है और अधिकतम प्रति तल कवरेज उस प्लाट का 25 प्रतिशत होना चाहिए। शेष 75 प्रतिशत में केवल भवन का रास्ता तथा चारों ओर का हरित क्षेत्र शामिल होना चाहिए तथापि, ये मार्गनिर्देशन केवल गगनचुम्बी निर्माण अर्थात् 45 फीट से अधिक ऊंचाई वाले भवनों अथवा 4 से अधिक मंजिल वाले भवनों पर लागू होते हैं। फर्शी क्षेत्र अनुपात फ्लोर कवरेज आदि के बारे में कम ऊंचे भवन, प्लाट के क्षेत्रफल का कम से कम 50 प्रतिशत भाग हरित भाग के लिए छोड़ने की शर्त पर पहले के मार्गनिर्देशनों द्वारा ही नियंत्रित रहेंगे। पार्किंग तथा भवन का रास्ता अन्य 50 प्रतिशत में समायोजित करना होगा। पार्किंग के लिए भूमिगत बेसमेंट की अनुमति, भवन लाइन से आगे आवरण लाइन तथा विस्तार के लिए, इस शर्त के साथ दी जा सकती है कि वास्तविक भवन लाइन से आगे बेसमेंट की ऊपरी छत का स्तर भूस्तर के बराबर होना चाहिए और इसे हरित क्षेत्र बनाने के लिए समुचित रूप से भू-दृश्य किया जाना चाहिए।

ऐसी 20 सामूहिक आवास समितियां हैं, जहां नक्शे दिल्ली नगर कला आयोग द्वारा अनुमोदित किये गये थे किन्तु संशोधित मार्गनिर्देशन के जारी होने के पीछे इन्हें रोक दिया गया। ऐसी 9 समितियां नये मार्गनिर्देशनों के अनुरूप संशोधित नक्शों का प्रयास कर चुकी हैं।

Setting up of AIR Station and Doordarshan Kendra at Gaya (Bihar)

*305. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up AIR Station and Doordarshan Kendra at Gaya (Bihar);

(b) whether Government have also received some representations in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the action Government have taken or proposed to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Whereas a low power TV transmitter is already operating at Gaya, there is no proposal to set up AIR Station or Doordarshan Kendra at Gaya (Bihar) under the approved VIIth Plan Schemes. Some representations have been received regarding the setting up of a radio station and Television Centre at Gaya. Their demand has been examined and will be given due consideration while formulating proposals for the VIIIth Plan. However, it will depend upon the availability of financial resources and relative priorities.

Reclamation of land affected by floods in Punjab

*306. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large areas of irrigated land in Punjab have turned uncultivable following the deposit of sand during the recent floods; and

(b) if so, how this land is proposed to be reclaimed and by when?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir. State Government of Punjab have reported that 50,000 hectares of land in the State has been rendered uncultivable due to deposition of sand/silton account of recent floods.

(b) Expenditure ceiling of Rs. 8.00 crores has been approved for removal of sandcast/eroded lands for the State of Punjab by the Central Government for providing subsidy to eligible categories of farmers whose lands have been affected by sandcasting. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has also issued instructions for providing institutional financing for restoration of sandcast lands in Punjab. State Government of Punjab have also geared up the administrative machinery to expedite restoration of the sandcast lands.

Board of Directors of the Modern Food Industries

*307. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Modern Food Industries is functioning without Board of Directors; and

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING IN DUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd. is functioning with a Board of Directors as prescribed in the Articles of Association of the Company.

Damage to houses due to floods

*309. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent floods in several States have caused house collapses and damage to houses on a considerable scale and have upset Government's housing schemes;

(b) if so, the estimated losses as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to provide relief to those who have lost their shelters in the floods and also to push through other housing schemes?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b) A total number of 25.45 lakh houses have been damaged on account of the heavy rains/floods in the country during the south-west monsoon 1988 as reported by the affected States.

(c) Ceilings of expenditure of Rs. 33.27 crores have been approved in respect of States *viz.*, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Sikkim, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Karnataka and Tripura, so far for providing relief to persons whose houses have been damaged for repair/reconstruction. The memoranda submitted by the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan are being processed as per established procedure.

Loan assistance to the flood affected families for repair/reconstruction of their damaged houses is also being extended by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation, the Nationalised Banks and other housing finance institutions in the affected States.

Conference of State Labour Ministers

*310. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Conference of State Labour Ministers and the National Commission on Rural Labour was held at New Delhi recently; if so, what were the main subjects discussed and the decisions arrived at;